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**REPORT**

**Of the Committee on the Judiciary, on the Bill to increase the amount of Property exempt from Levy and Sale**

Your Committee have given due consideration to the Provisions of this Bill, which are designed to secure to debtors such remnant of their estates as will save them from being turned out penniless upon the world. The rights of creditors are entitled to the protection of the law, and the sale of the effects of debtors to pay their liabilities is necessary to preserve to themselves the means of credit. But creditors are most frequently persons who seek that relation voluntarily in the pursuit of profit, but whatever may have been the claims of creditors, when that relation arose from purely disinterested acts of confidence, they lose their sacredness when the relation of creditor is eagerly sought for purposes of thrift, and more especially, if the inability to meet their demands is the result of accident or ill fortune. The advantage of too great facilities to obtain credit is at least doubtful. It leads to improvidence in incurring pecuniary obligations, often tendered by the avaricious and grasping creditor, with a single view to his own interest. The hope of depriving one of his only shelter ought not to be added to the temptation of a love of gain. The public welfare, on the other hand, demands that an improvident debtor should not be driven, with a helpless family, to desert his home, and thus deprive the State of his services. Other countries have experienced the miseries which have resulted from the ejection of the agricultural population from their only shelter. In a country like our own, where even strangers from abroad are encouraged to come here to seek new homes, we may well protect the dwelling places of our own population by such a humane provision as will at least afford the improvident or unfortunate a place to say his head—a shelter to protect his family from homeless paucity. When creditors get all the rest, the hearthstone should be left for charity sake. The Jewish legislator evinced the sacredness with which the spot of earth allotted to the homestead was regarded, by providing a day of jubilee when the land should again be restored to its original possessor.

Here, where a wilderness of land invites population, it becomes a matter of policy to hold out inducements to settlers, by giving them an exemption from the danger of being compelled to begin their wanderings anew. It will add to the attachment with which a citizen regards his home, that it is sacred from the claims of all but his own household. Yet the holy purposes which this exemption is intended to accomplish, requires that it should be so guarded as not to be perverted to schemes of fraud.

A limit to the value of the homestead and adjacent land, to be estimated by some public officer, seems indispensable, and can be fixed by the Legislature. It is difficult to fix any such limit to the often costly structures of a city home, and this consideration has led to the confining the contemplated exemption to our agricultural population at present.

When a debtor is stripped of all worldly possessions, save the roof that shelters him and a short supply of daily food, the creditor, who often tempts him to incur debts, should stay his hand; it is equally humane and politic to leave each to his share of the consequences. The committee accordingly report the bill, and recommend that it pass, with a limitation as to the value of the estate exempted.

B. F. HUNT, Chairman.

**AN ACT,**

**To increase the amount of property exempt from levy and sale.**

1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the following property in addition to that now exempted by Law, to wit: to each family the dwelling house, and household appurtenant thereto, together with fifty acres of land, and also one horse and twenty-five dollars worth of provisions, be and the same are hereby exempted from levy and sale, under fieri facias and assignment under mesne or final process: Provided, that the said exemption shall not include, or extend to any property situate within the limits of any city or corporate town of the State. And provided further, that the value of said real estate shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

2. That in all cases where the land and property of the debtor shall exceed

fifty acres, three Commissioners shall be appointed by the Clerk of the Court, upon the application of either the plaintiff or defendant in the execution, whose duty it shall be to lay off to the debtor fifty acres of land, including the homestead, which shall always be done most favorably and most beneficially for the family for whose benefit the provision is made; the remainder of whose land may be liable as in other cases.

3. And if the said fifty acres, including the Homestead, so laid off, shall exceed in value, by the estimate of said Commissioners, or a majority of them, the sum of five hundred dollars; then and in all cases, the said Commissioners shall proceed to lay off such quantity less than fifty acres, as hereinbefore provided, the value of which shall not exceed the said sum of five hundred dollars, the remainder of which may be sold as in other cases.

4. That the said Commissioners shall make a full return under their hands and seals, of their proceedings in the premises, together with a plat or some other concise description of the lands laid off by them, to the Clerk of the Court, and shall be entitled to receive a compensation for their services, not exceeding one dollar each, per day, to be paid by the defendant; and the Clerk of the Court shall keep a suitable book, in which the appointment of the Commissioners, together with their return, and all other proceedings in the case shall be recorded, for which services, the said Clerk shall be entitled to receive in like manner, from the defendant, the sum of three dollars.

5. That this Act shall take effect, from and after the first day of March next, in relation to all debts thereafter contracted.

In the Senate House, the sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, and in the seventy-sixth year of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America.

R. F. W. ALSTON,  
President of the Senate.

JAMES SIMONS,  
Speaker House of Representatives.

**SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.**

The recent session of this Conference presented in its proceedings the most gratifying information of the prosperity and welfare of the Church within its borders. We notice that six additional preachers were admitted. The statistics of the Conference show an increase of 1,488 white members during the past year. The reports from the Missions within the Conference showed their condition to be highly encouraging, evidenced by the fact of a large increase in the colored membership. Several new missions were recommended to be established.

This Conference, long at the head of all others in the amount of its missionary contributions, has excelled itself the past year, the returns showing that over eighteen thousand dollars were contributed for the purpose, and that notwithstanding a large and valuable portion of the territorial jurisdiction of the Conference, including Wilmington and Fayetteville, N. C. had been cut off at the preceding Annual Conference. No Conference, North or South, has ever reached such an amount for missionary purposes. The Conference has over twenty missionaries among the colored population, two in China, and have now appointed two for California.

The immense fund annually contributed in the Conference to the support of missions, shows not only that the ministry and the church are indefatigable, but also that the planters and the community feel a deep interest in the religious education of the slaves. The philanthropy of Abolition and Free-soilism never exhibited itself in this mode; but rather works to destroy the influence of these trusted and faithful men of God. These are in the service of Heaven, doing good both for time and eternity in behalf of the negro race—the other appears to be in the employment of another master, as their labors, if successful, would degrade the slave, and lead him into crimes which would consign him to ignominy and shame here, and to everlasting destruction hereafter. We imagine that but few will find any difficulty in pronouncing which is the best friend of the race.—*South Carolinian.*

**NEGRO HIRING.**—The failure of the crops last year seems not to have affected materially the hire of field hands this year. On New Year's day good field hands were bid off from 135 to 151 dollars—provision being made that they should not be put to work on any railroad, or in a gold mine or distillery. Negroes command high prices, and cotton keeps down—we cannot account for this, especially as there is a consequent depression in the money market. Provisions are high, also, we being dependent on our North Carolina friends for grain—in fact York will prove a good market for all their surplus. We hope those who have hired will meet with a proper remuneration for their outlay in good crops.—*Yorkville Remedy.*

**HIGH PRICES FOR NEGROES.**—The Petersburg (Va.) Intelligencer, states that at a sale of twenty-one slaves, the property of the estate of Wm. Pendle-

ton, consisting of old and young, men, women and children, and not regarded as above ordinary, were sold in that place at the average price of \$553. One man, without a trade, sold for \$1028; a woman with a child ten months old sold for \$950, and a girl eleven years old for \$600. These, we understand, are about the rates at which slaves have been selling for some weeks in this market.

**Darlington Flag.**

DARLINGTON, S. C.

J. H. NORWOOD, Editor.

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 16, 1852.

"THE DANGERS WHICH THREATEN OUR COUNTRY CALL UPON US TO BURY THE PARTY FEELINGS WHICH HAVE SO UNFORTUNATELY DIVIDED AND DISTRACTED US, AND TO URGE ALL OUR ENERGIES AGAINST THE COMMON ENEMY OF OUR INSTITUTIONS."  
[John H. Means.]

**AGENTS FOR THE DARLINGTON FLAG.**

S. D. HALLFORD, - Camden, S. C.  
CHARLES DELORME, Sumterville, S. C.  
Maj. C. H. NETTLES, - Mt. Elon.

**CHARLESTON MARKET.**

**COTTON.**—The market yesterday was quite dull, the enquiry having resulted in the sale of only 700 bales. Prices, however, were without change, ranging from 7 to 8 1/2 cents.—*Standard 13th inst.*

**CHERRAW MARKET.**

**COTTON.**—Sales this week, about 350 bales, at from 5 1/2 to 7 1/2 cents, principal sales at from 7 to 7 1/2. In other articles no change. River in prime boating order.—*Gazette 13th inst.*

**CAMDEN MARKET.**

There has been considerable activity in the cotton market since our last, with an advance of 1/4 prices, ranging from 6 to 8.—*Journal 13th inst.*

We have received a tribute of respect, to the memory of Dr. W. E. DARGAN, from the Ebenezer Baptist Church, which will appear in our next.

**ELECTION.**

The following is the result of the election for Clerk and Ordinary for Darlington District. The vote was a small one, there not being half the number polled at the late election for members to a Southern Congress.

	For Ordinary.	For Clerk.
E. B. BRIDGSON,	28	28
R. M. ROLLINS,	20	20
S. J. WILSON,	21	21
A. J. HOOPER,	24	24
M. W. HUNTER,	131	131
D. C. McLEOD,	49	49
	25	25
	10	10
	5	5
	3	3
	20	20
	39	39
	25	25
	230	230
<b>Total,</b>	<b>30 67 127 214 390 117 710</b>	

**THE HOMESTEAD LAW.**

We publish to-day at the request of several, and for the benefit of all our subscribers, the new law in relation to landed estate, as well as the report of the Judiciary Committee on the same. We think the law at least of doubtful utility, but will suspend our judgement until we see how it works.

We learn from the Charleston Mercury that among the recent arrivals at the Charleston Hotel, were the Hon. John McQueen and lady, and the Hon. J. A. Woodward.

**CHERRAW AND DARLINGTON R. R.**

We invite the earnest attention of our readers to the advertisement of the Commissioners of this road at Cheraw, in another place. We referred to this subject at some length in our columns a few weeks since, and endeavored to urge upon the Peedee people the importance and necessity of building this road at an early period. We are happy to see that the commissioners in Cheraw have made a move in the matter, and hope that those commissioners at each of the places named will second the motion, and move forward harmoniously and triumphantly to the successful completion of the enterprise. Nothing is so difficult in any undertaking as the beginning, but the mind once made up to accomplish an object the work is more than half done.—Let every citizen in the districts of Chesterfield, Marlboro, Darlington, Marion, and Sumter, who has ability and feels an interest in the advancement of his district in the march of civilization, put his shoulder to the wheel, and the work is done. What a small sacrifice it will be to you, and what an immense benefit to the country. Patriotism as well as self interest calls upon you to act, and to act

speedily. Go and subscribe as soon as the books of subscription are opened.—The road is destined to be built, and we hope that each of you will have your names connected with such an enterprise. If you are not able to take a hundred shares take fifty, and if you cannot take that many take twenty-five, ten, five, or one, as may best suit your convenience.

**CHARLESTON, ET CETERA.**

We have just returned from a flying visit to the Queen City of the South, and have scarcely time before our paper goes to press to say a word about what is going on in our far-famed metropolis.—Leaving Darlington on Thursday morning last, we dined in Charleston on the following day, having rested in Sumterville one night, and performed the journey to Charleston in a day and a half.—This would have been considered wonderful a few years ago, but in this age of railroads and telegraphs nothing is incredible, or even astonishing. Our principal object in going via Sumterville, was to see and ride upon the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad. It is now completed within two miles and a half of Sumterville, and we were informed by Mr. SOLOMONS, the Engineer in charge of that portion of the road, that the cars would be in Sumterville by the 20th or 25th inst., and that they would be within an hour's ride of our village by July.—That portion of the road which is completed we may safely say is one of the finest works of the kind in the United States. It has very few embankments or excavations, and very few curves.—The heavy T rail is alone used, and makes it one of the most substantial as well as easiest riding roads in the country. When it reaches our district, we can promise our city friends a large increase of patronage; many who have never visited Charleston before will then go, and when once the habit is acquired, we are sure they will not cease. To our friends in the city who have patronized us so liberally in the advertising department, we return our sincere thanks—while it is a source of profit to us, we are sure that the benefits will be reciprocal. We saw on the register at the Charleston Hotel the name of our representative in Congress, the Hon. Jno. McQUEEN, and his lady, who were en route for Washington. A press of business and our short stay deprived us of the pleasure of seeing him, but we learned that he had recently married Miss PICKENS, of Alabama, a grand-daughter of General PICKENS of revolutionary memory. We formed the acquaintance of the distinguished historian and novelist, W. GILMORE SIMS, whose gifted pen has contributed so much towards elevating the standard of Southern literature. We had formed an idea of the personal appearance of Mr. SIMS, but were never more deceived. Instead of the pale, thoughtful, meditative student which our imagination had pictured him, we found him a tall, portly, fine-looking gentleman of highly sanguine temperament, who combines all the vivacity of boyhood with the more mature wisdom of middle life. Of the editorial fraternity, we saw Mr. W. C. RICHARDS, of the Southern Literary Gazette, whose whose paper, just entering the fifth volume, has been converted into pamphlet form. It is published weekly, by WALKER & RICHARDS, with semi-monthly supplements, at \$3 per annum. We have not heretofore had the pleasure of exchanging with the Gazette, but have frequently seen highly complimentary notices of it in other papers, and from the number before us, the first of the new series, have no doubt they were merited. Among the sights in the city were Powers' Greek Slave, and Waugh's panorama of Italy. The former is the most exquisite and chaste specimen of sculpture that we recollect to have seen—and is said to be Powers' master piece. The tour of Italy is a grand and sublime work of art, affording to the beholder a cheap and expeditious trip through that classic land. As the cities of Milan, Verona, Venice, Genoa, Florence, Naples, and the seven billed capital of the Roman Empire, the enchanted Lake of Como by moonlight, a storm in the Mediterranean, the ruins of Pompei and Herculaneum, and the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius passed us in rapid review, we felt almost translated to that soft and sunny clime.

"Where the virgins are soft as the roses they twine,  
And all save the spirit of man is divine."  
We were hospitably entertained by Messrs. Lamkin & Hurst, of the Planter's Hotel, whom we take occasion again to recommend to all of our country friends who like comfortable quarters, good fare, polite landlords and attentive servants.

**OFFICERS OF PEE DEE LODGE, NO. 12, I. O. O. F.,**  
For the ensuing year:  
J. J. RUSSELL, N. G.  
A. J. HOOLE, V. G.  
W. R. HUNTER, Sec'y.  
W. C. BRUNSON, Treas.

**FIRST SHAD.**—Shad have commenced running. Mr. J. M. Mishaw yesterday took the first for the season, and by the 15th we shall expect a supply in

market, as three companies of fishermen have their nets and boats ready and are unusually well prepared.—*Georgetown Observer.*

**RECEIPTS.**

The following persons have paid to the time affixed to their names:  
Q. L. Cooper, to August 5th, 1852.  
Stephen Daniels, to January 9th, "  
Theodore Sanders, to March 5th, "  
J. A. Fort, to September 4th, "  
Robert Barr, to March 5th, "  
Jacqueline Jordan, to March 5th, "  
W. H. Harris, to January 9th, 1853.  
D. C. McLeod, to March 5th, 1852.  
C. Flinn, to October 23rd, "  
W. A. McCall, to January 1st, 1853.  
G. M. McCown, to March 5th 1852.  
S. W. Muldrow, to March 5th, 1853.  
Mrs. M. A. Gregg, to Oct'ber 9th, 1852.  
H. W. Ferrell, to January 1st, 1853.  
R. W. Ashmore, to March 5th, 1852.  
J. R. McLendon, to March 5th, 1852.  
C. W. Johnson, to March 5th, 1852.  
A. B. Williams, to January 1st, 1853.  
J. B. Carter, to June, 4th, 1852.  
Alexander James, to July 9th, 1852.  
John A. Howle, January 15th, 1853.  
Giles Carter, to March, 5th, 1852.  
Dr. W. A. Payer, to March 5th, 1852.

**HYMENEAL.**

**MARRIED.**—In Sumterville on Sunday evening the 11th inst., by the Rev. Donald McQueen, Mr CHARLES T. MASON to Miss JUDITH G., daughter of Mr. James H. Britton, all of Sumter District.

**BUSINESS CARDS.**

**THOS. RYAN & SON,**  
BROKERS, AUCTIONEERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS,  
NO. 12 STATE-STREET, CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Will attend to the sale and purchase of real estate, bank and other stocks, negroes, &c.  
Liberal advances made on all property placed in their hands for sale.  
THOMAS RYAN. WM. B. RYAN.  
Jan 15 46 1f

**S. WILDS DuBOSE,**  
MAGISTRATE,  
OFFICE AT DARLINGTON, C. H.  
He pledges himself to attend promptly to all business put into his hands, and will invariably collect all papers placed in his possession at as early a period as practicable.  
His constable, Mr. G. D. C. HUGGINS, also pledges himself to be prompt and attentive to business.  
Jan 15 46 1y

**HARLEE & NORWOOD,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
AND  
SOLICITORS IN EQUITY.  
DARLINGTON C. H.  
W. W. HARLEE. J. H. NORWOOD.

**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Collegiate Female Institute,**  
AT BARIHAMVILLE.  
UNDER THE SOLE DIRECTION OF  
DR. ELIAS MARKS AND LADY,  
Who are residents in the Institute.  
Dec 11 41 6m

**W. J. KENNEDY,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
DARLINGTON, S. C.  
WILL Practice in the Courts of Darlington, Marion, Horry and Malborough.  
March 12 2 1f

**T. B. & L. L. FRASER,**  
Attorneys at Law.  
Will Practice in the Courts of Sumter Darlington, Kershaw and Richland.  
OFFICE AT SUMTERVILLE, S. C.

**LOGAN & GLEN,**  
FASHIONABLE CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT.  
No. 261 King street one door North of W. R. BABCOCK'S Book Store Charleston, S. C.  
Has constantly on hand a full and complete assortment of Mens', Boys', and Children's CLOTHING, made in the most Fashionable style, to which they would respectfully invite the attention of the public.  
Charleston, Sept. 25th, 1851. 30,6m

**Wm. M. LAWTON & Co.,**  
FACTORS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,  
No. 13 SOUTHERN WHARF,  
Charleston, S. C.  
Wm. M. LAWTON, | Wm. M. TAYLOR,  
R. W. BACOT, | JOSEPH T. DILL.  
Aug 21 25 6t

**TEMPERANCE HOTEL,**  
CORNER OF BROAD AND DE KALB STS.,  
CAMDEN, S. C.,  
J. B. F. BOONE, Proprietor.  
May 21 12 1f

**WM. K. RYAN,**  
FACTOR AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, CHARLESTON, S. C.  
WILL make liberal advances on Cotton, and other Produce, and will give strict attention to the selection of all articles ordered through him.  
July 16 20 1f

**S. D. HALLFORD,**  
GENERAL AGENT,  
CAMDEN, S. C.  
March 19 3 1f

**MARTIN & BRYAN,**  
FACTORS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
WILL make advances on cotton and other produce, and give strict attention to the selection of all articles ordered through them.  
JAMES MARTIN. THOS. A. BRYAN.  
April 23 8 1y

**JAMES ADGER & Co.,**  
Factors and Commission Merchants, Office Adger's North Wharf,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
JAMES ADGER, JAMES ADGER, JR.,  
ROBT. ADGER, ETTSEL L. ADAMS,  
Sept 18 29 1f

**GLOVERS & DAVIS,**  
FACTORS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
South-Atlantic Wharf,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Aug. 28 26 1y

**Sons of Temperance.**  
DARLINGTON DIVISION No. 24.

**STANLEY'S HOTEL,**  
(Sign of the Palm-tree.)  
DARLINGTON, C. H., S. C.  
M. B. STANLEY, Proprietor,  
Is grateful for past favors, and hopes to merit a continuance.  
March 19 3 1f

**MANSION HOUSE,**  
Camden, South Carolina.  
E. G. ROBINSON, Proprietor.  
THE best accommodations and attention to Travellers.  
Stables Large and Roomy.  
June 11 15 1y

**THOMAS BONNELL,**  
Factor and Commission Merchant,  
No. 13 EXCHANGE STREET,  
(BACK OF THE POST OFFICE.)  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Will also attend to Receiving and Forwarding Goods, and Executing all orders for Planters.  
March 1 1 1f

**Sale of Real Estate.**  
The subscriber offers for sale, on reasonable terms, his plantation situated on Jeffries Creek. Also, his house and lot in Donnersville, for sale or rent.  
For further particulars apply to  
C. A. DARGAN.  
Jan 8 45 1f

**The State of South Carolina.**  
DARLINGTON DISTRICT.  
Enos J. Hickson, }  
vs. } Bill for Relief.  
John A. Oliver & }  
Sarah R. Oliver. }

It appearing to my satisfaction that John Alexander Oliver, one of the defendants to this bill, is absent from, and resides beyond the limits of this State; on motion of Moses & Haynsworth, complainant's solicitors it is ordered that the said defendant do appear and plead, answer or demur to the bill of said complainant within three months from the publication of this order, and that in default thereof the same be ordered pro confesso against him. It is also ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Darlington Flag twice a month for the space of three months.  
T. C. EVANS, C. E. D. D.  
Jan 15 46 2m3m

**OFFICE WIL & MAN, R. R. Co.,**  
Marion C. H., S. C., Jan. 10th, 1852. }  
The fourth annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington and Manchester Rail Road, will be held at Marion C. H., S. C., on Wednesday, the 28th day of January, 1852.  
A full representation of all the stock, either by person or by proxy, is respectfully requested,  
JNO. McRAE, Secretary.  
Jan 15 46 2t

**South Carolina,** } In Ordinary.  
DARLINGTON DISTRICT. }  
WHEREAS, George W. Dargan and J. A. Dargan hath made suit to me, to grant them letters of Administration of the estate and effects of Dr. William Edwin Dargan: These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors, of the said Dr. Wm. Edwin Dargan, dec'd, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Ordinary, to be held at Darlington C. H., on Tuesday the 23d January next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause if any they have, why said Administration should not be granted.  
Given under my hand and seal the 9th day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and in the seventy-sixth year of American Independence.  
D. S. LAW, O. D.  
Jan 15 46 2t

**Pay up! Pay up!!**  
All persons indebted to the subscriber are hereby requested and earnestly solicited to call on him for settlement.  
PETER R. MOWRY.  
Jan 15 46 2m